

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 163
By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Senator William C. Clabough for his meritorious service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this Body should recognize those fellow legislators who have performed their duties with remarkable dexterity and unprecedented devotion and whose efforts to excel have brought substantial benefits to their respective communities and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Senator William C. "Bill" Clabough is one such distinguished public servant who served his constituency and this legislative body for eight years with great honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Senator Clabough has for many years been a prominent and highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of Maryville and Blount County, and he has served his constituents in numerous capacities, always working diligently at his elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, in November of 1994, the good people of Blount County evinced their great faith in the political and governmental capabilities of William C. "Bill" Clabough by electing him as their representative to the General Assembly, a position in which he performed admirably; and

WHEREAS, during his term in the House of Representatives, then Representative Clabough quickly earned recognition as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always voted his conscience; and

WHEREAS, winning election to the Senate in 1997, Senator Bill Clabough was a dynamic and aggressive participant in the legislative process and earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues for the outstanding contributions he made as Vice Chairman of the

Commerce, Labor and Agriculture Committee and as Secretary of the Finance Ways and Means Committee and; and

WHEREAS, Senator Bill Clabough served as Treasurer of the Senate Republican Caucus during the 101st General Assembly and was elected Chairman of the Senate Republican Caucus during the 102nd General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, a tireless advocate on numerous issues, Senator Bill Clabough won the respect and admiration of his peers for his diligence and tenacity, his inquisitive and thoughtful questioning during debates, and his calm and deliberate demeanor when faced with complex and emotionally-charged legislation; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards or accolades during his career, Senator Bill Clabough very deservedly received public acclaim as “Legislator of the Year” from the Tennessee Firemen’s Association for his tireless efforts on their behalf; and

WHEREAS, Senator Clabough has also ably served the citizens of Blount County as a former member of the Blount County Commission, the Board of Directors of Blount Memorial Hospital and the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Club of Blount County. He is a former member of the Blount County Families First Council and participant in Leadership Blount and Leadership Sevier County; and

WHEREAS, a man with a deep sense of duty to his community and his country, Bill Clabough is a member of Kiwanis, Farm Bureau, Trout Unlimited, and the Blount County, Sevierville and Gatlinburg Chambers of Commerce. He has also served as a volunteer with the Great Smoky Mountains National Park; and

WHEREAS, a native son of Tennessee born in Maryville, Senator Bill Clabough received his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Tennessee and is a successful businessman, operating a grocery for many years; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure in the General Assembly, Bill Clabough worked assiduously to improve the lives of the citizens of Tennessee and was instrumental in securing funding for various county and city projects, securing road improvement funding, and obtaining funds for local schools; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, William C. "Bill" Clabough is most thankful for the loving companionship of his wife Judy, and is the proud father of two much-adored children; and

WHEREAS, Senator Bill Clabough is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; and

WHEREAS, this Body finds it an honor to pause in our deliberations to recognize our distinguished colleague; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Senator William C. Clabough on his meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of Senate District 8.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend to William C. "Bill" Clabough our best wishes for much success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Senator William C. Clabough as a token of our esteem.